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and
Community Development Measures)**

**The Greenwich Town Community Zone
Social Intervention**

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Office of the Prime Minister

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Social Intervention Report

(as at February 5 2021)

This Honourable House is being requested to note that after the enactment of the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) Act, the Prime Minister on the advice of the National Security Council, declared the Greenwich Town Community as the third Zone of Special Operations (ZOSO) on July 1, 2020.

The Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO) combine a robust security approach led by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), and Social Intervention Component (SIC) that coordinate and implement social development measures by the various agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector. The ZOSO is built around the approach of Clear, Hold and Build, which the latter is where long term institutions are developed within the community.

The Social Intervention support, which was coordinated by the gazetted Social Intervention Committee saw social programmes that focused on two key strategies: Crime Prevention Through Social Development (CPTSD) and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

A key objective of the interventions and programmes was to ensure the community was reconnected to the key agencies of government that deliver each programme thus engendering sustainability and credibility among the citizen that their government is the legitimate provider of support services.

The Social Intervention Committee (SIC) is guided by SIC framework comprising of seven development areas:

1. Physical Environment.
2. Land Tenure,

3. Community Safety.
4. Human and Community Development and Employment.
5. Business and Economic Development.
6. Spiritual and Faith Based Intervention; and
7. Leadership.

The Greenwich Town Community is in the Constituency of South West St Andrew. The community is considered urban with a population of approximately 4,400 residents and over 1,100 households.

The community has been identified as one of the most volatile and vulnerable communities in Jamaica on the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) community renewal index. This has seen the community identified as a priority community of the GOJ Integrated Community Development project that targeted 18 high risk communities. This project is currently ongoing and will be further scaled up with the introduction of the ZOSO in the community.

The Zone will adopt the same development pillars as the other ZOSOs in Denham Town and Mount Salem. While officially a ZOSO, it should be noted that the community was part of a major urban renewal project by the Government of Jamaica that has been making significant investment in its physical infrastructure and social development. The ZOSO will see a further scale up of those activities undertaken in 2015-2019, which were principally funded by the GOJ. These include:

1. Road works with over 7.1km of new asphalted roadway completed in the community
2. Water Improvement with 800 water laterals to allow for household connections
3. Zinc fence substitution with 778 meters completed.
4. Livelihood interventions including summer programmes and skills training benefitting over 80 youths in the community.
5. Rehabilitation of the St Andrew Primary school.
6. Entrepreneurial support for businesses in the community
7. Provision of civil documents to over 300 residents.

RESULTS - December 4, 2020 to February 5, 2021

Social Intervention Committee: During the review period, select subcommittees of the SIC convened virtually.

The major priority activities identified and developed included a draft medium workplan for 2021/22 that targets further infrastructure development and social services. Sustained implementation of additional programmes to address entrepreneurship is a critical area in the plan.

1. Enterprise Grant

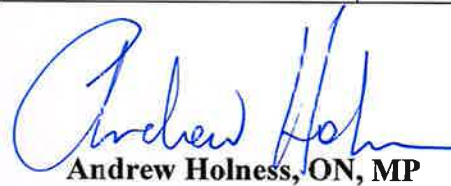
Twenty 25 micro entrepreneurs, including a large cohort of fisher folks have been selected and will access up to a maximum of \$400,000 in grant funding. The process to procure their equipment commenced and is ongoing.

2. School Rehabilitation - The formulation activities for the proposed activity at the Greenwich Town All Age School is at an advanced stage of formulation and is projected to be implemented within Q1 of financial year 2021 at a cost of approximately \$1.1Million.

3. Environmental Wardens - The twenty (25) wardens commenced working and are supporting the work of the NSWMA within the community. They do both cleanup activities, as well as information dissemination to the community around effective sanitation.

ACTIVITIES TO COMMENCE IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

INTERVENTION	ACTIVITIES	TARGET	BENEFICIARIES	STATUS
Infrastructure Development	Zinc Fence removal and substitution	Support the removal and substitution of approximately 300 meters of zinc fence with concrete fencing	Seventy (70) households are expected to directly benefit from this intervention.	Tender issued for works. Anticipated implementation within 1 st quarter of 2021 fiscal year
	Installation of Additional sidewalks	1.8 km of sidewalks to be installed throughout the community.	4,000 residents of Greenwich Town	Tender issued for works. Anticipated implantation within 1 st quarter of 2021 fiscal year
	Rehabilitation of small parks and green spaces	2 green spaces to be upgraded	4,000 residents	Stakeholder engagement in progress
Social Development	Summer Camp 2021	Provision of recreation and education activities during the summer	100	Design stage
	Operation Certification	Provision of birth certificate and TRNs	300	Ongoing. Residents can access services free of charge through a GOJ allocation through the ICDP II of J\$2M.


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Prime Minister
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